

CHOOSE YOUR MEN.

Facsimile of Ballot in Democratic Primary, June 4th.

COUNTY AND DISTRICT BALLOT.

FOR HOUSE OF DELEGATES.

I. B. MOORE.

FOR COMMISSIONER OF COUNTY COURT.

AMOS BARLOW, J. C. PRICE.

FOR SUPERINTENDENT OF FREE SCHOOLS.

J. A. McLAUGHLIN, JAS. W. WARWICK, J. B. GRIMES, WM. R. SUTTON.

Binding twine has gone up since the taking of Manila.

The present war seems to be waged in the interests of daily newspapers.

Napoleon said, "Questionable characters form the wood from which politicians are hewn."

The second call for volunteers, for 75,000 men, will pull the very eye teeth of some States. The newspapers carefully suppressed the facts that in some States the troops did not respond with alacrity.

Hon Thos. H. Dennis, of Lewisburg, will announce this week that should the Democratic party think fit to tender him the nomination, he will appreciate the honor and do what he can to bring success to the Democratic party of this district in its campaign this year. This was learned in a personal interview with him. By reason of matters which have appeared in newspapers and are therefore on record, Mr Dennis has been regarded as the logical candidate of Greenbrier County, and the law of rotation in the nominating conventions leaves Greenbrier in undisputed grounds this year. It was only when he could be morally sure that if he did not offer for the office Greenbrier would not have a man in the field, that he makes this statement. Our affiliation with the County of Greenbrier and memory of benefits bestowed in the two last conventions in the direction of the nomination of a Pocahontas County man, would make us the worst of ingrates if we did not support the Greenbrier candidate in his race this year.

GINSENG.

On the first page will be found an interesting article relating to the ginseng root and its cultivation. Unlike the newspaper talk about this plant, for the most part mythical and exaggerated, the article referred to bears the impress of truth and common sense.

Pocahontas is in the heart of the great ginseng belt, but the industry is sadly run down owing to causes enumerated, to-wit: digging out of season and clearing of forest lands. The fact that the seed germinates only after eighteen months explains the myth current among country people that the root sends up a stalk each second year, only.

The writer remembers when he was used to eke out his available cash by sang-digging, and retains in their native state a dozen stalks known to be eight years old.

A great drawback to the cultivation of ginseng would be the depredations of thieves. A patch of well grown roots would be as tempting to the common thief as so much buried treasure or water-melons. However, with the light thrown on the subject in the article referred to, there is no reason why each farmer should not grow ginseng profitably. The principal thing is to maintain natural conditions, with attention to detail.

A new leaf or "prong" is supposed to mark the growth of the plant each year up to the fourth; a "six prong" is hailed by diggers as denoting an unusually large tuber, but they do not spare even the smallest.

DOWN THE PIKE.

The trip to Lewisburg can be made in much shorter time than formerly, owing to having no stops to make at toll gates. There have been dollars saved Pocahontas people this year, owing to the efforts of Sidney Payne who refused to be robbed in any but a legitimate way. He hired a lawyer, paying out enough to settle his toll for years, to test the case, and it was done.

His gift of a free road for several months has not been sufficiently acknowledged. The story of our thralldom is something like this: There was a great and powerful principality, named Greenbrier, which was accustomed to levy tolls and tribute on all the subjects of its neighbors who ventured into its boundaries. Its own independent subjects, who paddled about on the roads all the time, would get off by promising to pay a dollar or so when they felt able.

This condition of affairs continued until a man came along who had been in a train robbery in the West. It was when he was traveling in Wyoming trying to find a place where he could forge out the most dollars. The outlaws boarded the train, and the crew and rest of the passengers surrendered unconditionally. This man kept firing away with a 17 cent pistol, until the desperadoes decided to leave the train alone.

When the Greenbrier toll-gatherers struck this man they ran against a snag. He got out injunctions and made things so warm that they dropped the toll and have not been able to get it put back on. Long live Sidney Payne and long may the armistice continue.

When one looks at the vast expanse of green fields in the Greenbrier Valley, he is impressed with the idea that it is very fitting that the new railroad should be built along the river bank, just out of sight. The trains will be running soon. Then we can go by rail for less than our toll cost us formerly. The gossip from the engineering corps informs us that the present survey will be completed by the middle of June, when they will immediately turn back and work out the way for the construction company which will follow close on their heels. Last week a depot site was purchased from Austin Kincaid at the mouth of Spring Creek. This is to serve for the two towns of Falling Spring and Frankford.

Renick's Valley is a peculiar town. It has three houses, all stores, and what is most peculiar is that each store seems to be a larger establishment than the one that used to be kept there. Falling Spring, the next place, has four stores, and claims to sell more goods than Lewisburg. The same set of fossils ornament the store porches. When passing to find these landmarks, if in the morning, look on a porch on the east of the road; in the evening, look to the west. They seek the shade, but are not what is generally known as shady characters.

This is the week of weddings at Falling Spring. There are no less than six couples to join in the wholly and entirely bonding of matrimony. This includes Harry Renick, who is owner of the "Colonial" homestead, who brings a Kentucky bride home, and William Wiley, late of this county, who marries a granddaughter of district attorney Harrison, of the Western District of the Federal Court of Virginia. If Marlinton could see six weddings one week, how fine it would be.

We must not fail to give the latest intelligence from J. W. Schisler, the keeper of one of the best wayside inns. He labors at a disadvantage of living at the top of Droop, as the air at that elevation makes a man ravenous. Schisler's menu is all right in quantity and quality, and he is a public benefactor, as is every man who keeps a good hotel. He talks on all subjects from farming to philosophy. He has a famous raspberry patch; shows you the twin heifers twenty-two months old, each of which has a fine bull calf, and his fish pond which has thousands of carp, some of which would weigh eight pounds.

Since the war began every body from here to Lewisburg reads a daily paper. The Cincinnati Post and Times-Star are printed about midnight and at 1.45 A. M. the fast C. & O. train pulls out for West Virginia, and about 8 o'clock arrives in Ronceverte. They paddle these papers for two cents apiece

and the Pocahontas mailboy has a big load which he sells to people along the route. The use of paper in the increased circulation of dailies has had as much to do in putting up the price of paper as has the act of Spain of making sulphur a contraband of war.

There is a very good tale of a Greenbrier farmer who sold his wheat at \$1.10 per bushel, after holding it, one day in Lewisburg. His neighbor, a smaller farmer, had also been holding his wheat, and the price being a good one, he sold his too. This was a rather unusual proceeding, but the farmer being worth 'steen thousands of dollars, the wheat buyer considered him good for his statements, and bought the wheat. At his request the wheat buyer went to the neighbor with the instruction that he was to ask how much he would take. This was carried out to the letter. The neighbor asked \$1 a bushel, and was informed that he could consider it sold at \$1.10. It is a great thing to have friends in this world.

Even the proprietors of the Pocahontas Times have suffered by the advance of paper. This is due to three causes: The formation of a paper trust; more paper is consumed, there being more papers sold; and sulphur has been made a contraband of war. Sulphuric acid is a prime factor in the reducing of forest trees to pulp. Sulphur comes mainly from Sicily. It being a contraband of war has too many risks to run in passing through the Straits of Gibraltar. There are sulphur mines in Louisiana and Nevada, but it takes a larger sum to produce it from American mines.

School Commissioners Sale of Lands.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, made at the April term of said court, 1898 in the chancery cause of

State of West Virginia versus J. W. F. Allemon and others,

I will proceed on the 21st day of June, 1898, at the first day of June term of court, 1898, at the front door of the court house of Pocahontas County to sell to the highest bidder at public auction the following described real estate, viz:

The mineral privilege in a certain tract of 710 acres situated on Browns Mountain in Pocahontas County, West Virginia. Said mineral privilege to extend for a term of 99 years from May 22d, 1873, with option to renew for a like period, being the same privilege conveyed to J. D. Price by Samuel Harper on May 22d, 1873, and forfeited in the name of J. W. F. Allemon.

Terms of Sale: CASH. B. M. YEAGER, School Commissioner.

Commissioner's Sale OF School Lands.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, made at the April Term, 1898, in the chancery cause of the State of West Virginia versus J. B. Lowe and others, the undersigned School Commissioner of Pocahontas County, will on the

21st Day of June, 1898, at the front door of the court house of Pocahontas County, proceed to sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, the following tracts of land:

1st. The Mineral rights in a tract of 450 acres conveyed by Henry Bazzard to J. D. Price, May 17, 1873, and conveyed to and forfeited in the name of J. B. Lowe, for the non-payment of taxes.

2d. The mineral rights in a tract of 360 acres conveyed by Jas. C. McComb to J. D. Price, May 17, 1873, and forfeited in the name of J. D. Price and Oramel Barrett.

3d. The mineral rights in a tract of 500 acres of land conveyed by John Burr to J. D. Price, May 17, 1873, and by him conveyed to and forfeited in the name of John E. Roller for the non-payment of taxes.

4th. The mineral rights in a tract of 250 acres of land conveyed by G. H. Rider to J. D. Price May 16th, 1873, and by him conveyed to and forfeited by John E. Roller for the non-payment of taxes.

All of the above mentioned tracts are mineral leases for the term of 99 years, granted on the 16th and 17th days of May, 1873, and recorded in the Clerk's office of the County Court of Pocahontas County, Va, which records reference may be had for a more specific description of the said lands.

5th. A tract of 5 acres situated in the "Hills" and forfeited in the name of Samuel Garry.

6th. A tract of 82 acres situated in the "Hills" and forfeited in the name of Samuel Garry.

B. M. YEAGER, Commissioner of School Lands.

Commissioners Sale OF Valuable Land IN POCAHONTAS COUNTY.

Pursuant to a decree of the Circuit Court of Pocahontas County, West Virginia, rendered at the April Term, 1898, of said Court, in a cause therein pending in which Levi Gay et al., are plaintiffs and J. B. Lockridge and others are defendants, the undersigned Commissioners appointed by said decree to sell the land in said county of the said J. B. Lockridge, will offer for sale in front of the Court house of said County, at public auction to the highest bidder, on

TUESDAY, JUNE 21st, 1898, All that tract or parcel of land containing 324 acres more or less, lying on the waters of Knapps Creek in said county, near Driscoll, and on which the said J. B. Lockridge now resides, except forty four acres thereof which was assigned to the defendant Lillie B. Lockridge as part for her dower in said land, which said forty four acres is subject to the life estate only of the said Lillie B. Lockridge, the reversion therein belonging to the said J. B. Lockridge. And at the same time and place the undersigned Commissioners will sell the said reversion, belonging to the said J. B. Lockridge, in the said forty four acres, and the right is reserved to sell the same either separated from, or with, the fee simple of the said J. B. Lockridge in the residue of the said 324 acres.

The said 324 acres is the same land sold by the defendant H. M. Lockridge to the defendant J. B. Lockridge on the 30 day of March, 1888, by deed of record in the Clerk's office of the County Court of said county in Deed Book No. 1, at page 93; and the forty four acres is fully set out by metes and bounds in the report of I. B. Moore and others, Commissioners, to assign said dower, filed with the papers in said cause, and is a part of the said 324 acre tract.

The farm lies on Knapps Creek, four miles east of Huntersville, is finely watered, and one of the most valuable in the county. The attention of the public is also called to the easy terms upon which it is sold.

TERMS: Cash enough on day of sale for costs of suit and sale and the residue upon three equal instalments, due in one, two, and three years from day of sale, for which the purchaser shall execute bond, with interest from date, with good personal security, the title to be retained as ultimate security.

W. A. BRATTON, L. M. McCLINTIC, H. S. RUCKER, J. T. McALISTER, Commissioners.

L. M. McClintic and W. A. Bratton, two of the above Commissioners, have this day executed before me the bond of \$8000.00 required by the above decree and conditioned according to law.

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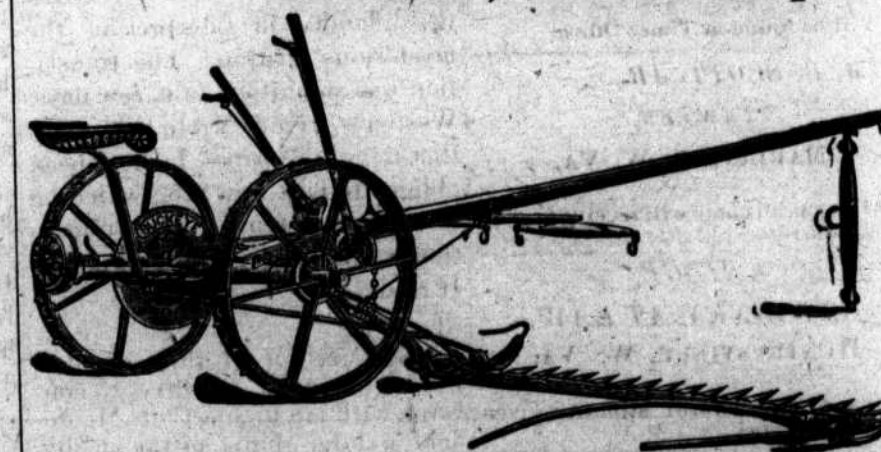
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